

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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Vacancy in National School of Drama
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many posts of professors and teachers are lying vacant in premier cultural institutes like National School of Drama (NSD) and if so, the details and reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the status of NSD from the present status and if so, any draft has been made in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the admission/seat capacity of NSD from 26 to any higher number per year and if not the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to open branches of NSD in other parts of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM
(Dr. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a): The details of vacant Posts in the grade of Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor in the NSD is given at Annexure.
- (b): The NSD was registered as a Society under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. The NSD was later conferred with "Deemed University" status vide Ministry of HRD notification dated 11.03.2005. However, the notification granting deemed university status to the NSD was later de-notified by Ministry of HRD in 2011 on the request of NSD. The NSD later sent a proposal for grant of status of 'Institute of National Importance' which was examined by Ministry of Culture and a draft Note for Cabinet was circulated to Ministry of HRD, Ministry of Law & Justice and also to the PMO. The PMO advised that autonomy for the NSD may be more for the Deemed University status and also advised that the NSD may engage with M/o HRD and UGC and reclaim its status as a Deemed University. The M/o Culture directed the NSD to explain to the PMO the special advantages of getting NSD declared as an Institute of National importance. Further action will be taken by the M/o Culture on receipt of report from the NSD.
- (c): At present there is no proposal under consideration for increasing the intake of students in the NSD.
- (d) & (e): On the basis of the recommendations made by the Broad Based Committee for opening up of 5 regional centres across the country, NSD Society proposed to establish 5 regional centres one each at Kolkata, Mumbai/Goa, J&K, North-East besides upgrading the existing Regional Resource Centre (RRC), Bengaluru to a full-fledged regional centre. These regional centres were to be established in consultation with the concerned State Governments, who were required to provide accommodation for the purpose. Only the Government of Karnataka has allotted land for the purpose at Bengaluru.

Annexure

National School of Drama
New Delhi

S.No. Name of the Post Total Strength Vacant Position Remarks

1.Professor 2 1 Due to issue relating to reservation roster the post could not be filled up although the said vacancy had been advertised in 2014.

The post is being filled up on adhoc basis as of now for smooth functioning of the school.

2.Associate Professor 8 1 Under process of recruitment

3.Assistant Professor 7 5 Out of 5 posts of Asstt. Professor, advertisement for filling up of three vacancies have been already released to Employment News/Daily News Paper.

The rest two vacancies have arisen recently due to retirements.